

any other Single agent to Spread the liberal principles of free government throughout the world. In what country then, Should they be more fostered, than in this Republic of ours? by whom more cherished, than republicans like us?

Fellow citizens, every period of the worlds history, presents Some achievement, more prominent than others, as distinguishing the people and the age of its accomplishment. This our time, is especially characterised by the progress made in the arts of peace; the most considerable of which is, the application of Steam power to physical nature. What Steam has accomplished upon water, every navigable Stream and every ocean under heaven will attest. What it has effected upon land, affords a subject of more interesting contemplation. Confining ourselves to this country, we may witness numerous lines of rail way, traversing thousands of miles of the broad territory of the Republic, cementing and binding together in harmonious union, interests however discordant. The uniform idea prevailing with the projectors of these works, is, to begin upon our Atlantic coast, and Stretch away towards the fertile valley of the Mississippi. Already Six different communications of the kind have been completely opened between the waters of the ocean and the great western Valley, and others are in successful progress. Almost every Seaboard State claims one, as peculiarly her own, and North Carolina, has wisely entered the lists of this noble competition. We have much yet to do, it must be confessed, to the complete attainment of our great aim; but already, we have accomplished much. Not the least of our embarrassments, have been our own incredulity, and if it may not be deemed too harsh an expression, in Some measure, our own prejudices. These, to a great extent, have been removed; and we have arrived at that point, when no man can rise and ask office at the hands of the people, within many a goodly league of where I now Stand, without at the same time, pledging the most solemn assurances, that he will exert the legitimate influence of that office, to the advancement of these improvements.

I would fellow citizens, that all the people of North Carolina could witness the Spectacle presented here this day. Could they look, as we do, upon these thousands of happy faces beaming with gladness and joy; Could they See the rich man and the poor, all ages and all conditions of people, rejoicing to-